

O'Connor told investigators that he did not solicit funds from the Hudson opponent tribes for the DNC or the Re-election Campaign, even though Fowler's records suggest that "money from the Native Americans"<sup>563</sup> was a focus of O'Connor's solicitations and Mercer's memos attributed to O'Connor an "outstanding"<sup>564</sup> \$50,000 Indian balance from Native Americans, as noted above. O'Connor's own earlier records suggest that the \$50,000 figure was O'Connor's unfulfilled pledge of solicitations for the June 1995 DNC Gala. Likewise, his records seem to reflect a \$50,000 fund-raising goal or commitment to the Clinton/Gore '96 Committee. *See supra* at 173-74 and nn. 283, 284.

O'Connor and Kitto did endeavor to raise funds from the tribes for the Re-Election Campaign, and in that effort they sought to motivate the tribes by direct reference to the Hudson outcome. Kitto said that he sent all his tribal clients and other persons associated with those tribes a letter dated Sept. 14, 1995, over the names of both Kitto and O'Connor, which stated:

The first eight months of the Republican controlled Congress have been difficult times for tribes across the country. Unquestionably, tribal governments will need to call upon the Clinton administration, and the President himself, to assert leadership and assist tribes through the difficult 1996 budget process and to help fend off attacks on tribal gaming. As witnessed in the fight to stop the Hudson Dog Track proposal, the Office of the President can and will work on our behalf when asked to do so.

The letter solicited ticket purchases at a cost of \$1,000 each for a Clinton/Gore '96 presidential dinner on Sept. 26 in Washington, and made reference to an upcoming vice presidential dinner in

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<sup>563</sup>Memorandum from Ari Swiller to Donald Fowler, Aug. 25, 1995.

<sup>564</sup>Memorandum from David Mercer to Ari Swiller and Nancy Burke, Sept. 19, 1995.